

104TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. RES. 305

To designate Saturday, November 30, 1996, as “National Duck Calling Day”.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 28, 1996

Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. JOHNSTON, Mr. BREAU, and Mr. FORD) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

To designate Saturday, November 30, 1996, as “National Duck Calling Day”.

Whereas Stuttgart, Arkansas, with its flooded rice and soybean fields, is located in the heart of the Mississippi River flyway for migratory birds;

Whereas for the past 60 years, the World’s Championship Duck Calling Contest and the Wings Over the Prairie Festival have attracted waterfowl enthusiasts from around the world to come to Stuttgart, Arkansas, on Thanksgiving Day weekend;

Whereas the first national duck calling contest was held on November 24, 1936, as part of the traditional Rice Carnival in downtown Stuttgart;

Whereas Thomas E. Walsh of Greenville, Mississippi, was the first national duck calling contest champion, and was awarded a hunting coat valued at \$6.60 for his achievement;

Whereas today, the World's Championship Duck Calling Contest draws contestants from throughout the United States and Canada, with a first place prize package valued at over \$15,000;

Whereas in order to enter the World's Championship Duck Calling Contest a contestant must qualify by winning a World's Championship Duck Calling Contest sanctioned calling contest, which are held in 29 states; and

Whereas over the history of the World's Championship Duck Calling Contest attendance at the event has steadily grown; the number of participants has jumped from 10,000 in 1954, to 50,000 in 1992, to 65,000 in 1995: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate designates Saturday, No-  
 2 vember 30, 1996, as "National Duck Calling Day". The  
 3 President is authorized and requested to issue a proclama-  
 4 tion calling upon the people of the United States to ob-  
 5 serve such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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